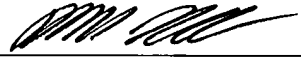


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<p>In re the Application of:</p> <p>LIPTON, James M.</p> <p>Serial No.: 10/714,343</p> <p>Filed: November 14, 2003</p> <p>For: MODIFIED ALPHA-MSH PEPTIDES AND DERIVATIVES THEREOF</p>	<p>Examiner: Not yet assigned</p> <p>Group Art Unit: 1654</p> <p>Conf No.: 4070</p> <p>Docket No.: 54275.8016.US01</p> <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited this 15th day of February 2006 with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</p> <p> Rena Iov</p>
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir,

Before examination, please amend the present application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on p. 2.

Amendments to the claims begin on p. 10.

Conclusion begins on p. 13.